

Abstract

A method for updating firmware of an information apparatus by e-mail is proposed. The computer vendor for the information apparatus prepares an update program and attaches the update program to e-mail sent to the 5 information apparatus to be updated. The content of the e-mail is discriminated if the update mode of the information apparatus is enabled. The attached file is examined after the e-mail is received and the attached file executes update operation if the examination is correct.